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SUBJ: KUWAITI INTEREST IN US AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT
AND IMPORTS

1. PROMINENT LOCAL BUSINESSMAN WHO PREFERS TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS NOW WISHES TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY OF PURCHASING US FARM LAND ON WHICH HE WOULD GROW STAPLE CROPS SUCH AS RICE, WHEAT, ETC. SOLELY FOR EXPORT TO KUWAIT OR OTHER COUNTRIES IN REGION. BUSINESSMAN WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THERE ARE ANY RESTRICTIONS ON PURCHASING FARM LAND, ESPECIALLY IN TEXAS, AND ON THE EXPORT FROM THE US OF RAW AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

2. COMMENT: LOCAL BUSINESSMAN INVOLVED IS HIGHLY REPUTABLE AND THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT HE COULD PUT TOGETHER A GROUP OF KUWAITI BUSINESSMEN WHO WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO INVEST SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS IN THE US AND TO IMPORT A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. IN ADDITION THE GROUP WOULD BE INTERESTED IN USING AGRICULTURAL WASTE SUCH AS RICE-SHELLS LOCALLY FOR ANIMAL FEED OR PERHAPS FOR INDUSTRIAL USES. FROM OUR VANTAGE POINT PLAN APPEARS TO BE WORTH-WHILE PURSUING IN TERMS OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN US AND EXPANDING US AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE QUICK REPLY TO
QUESTIONS RAISED AND ANY SUGGESTIONS ADDRESSEES MAY
WISH TO OFFER THAT COULD BE PASSED ON TO LOCAL BUSINESS-
MAN INCLUDING NAMES OF US OR STATE OFFICIALS WHOM KUWAITIS
SHOULD CONTACT IF THEY DECIDE TO GO FORWARD WITH THEIR
PLAN.
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